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Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

I am writing you to respectfully ask that the Federal Communications Commission not dismantle the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program by adding any new subscriber fees.

Lifeline has been an invaluable service to the patients and clients who I serve, as it often helps them communicate with their care provider during or after an emergency. This is especially true for senior citizens and people with disabilities who might otherwise remain isolated without the affordability and reliability of Lifeline. While many of the people I work with can barely pay their medicals bills, they at least know that through Lifeline, and the prepaid option under Safelink, they can at least meet the expense of communicating with their care providers.

Please ensure that working families can continue to benefit from Lifeline by not tacking on any potential subscriber fees. I appreciate your consideration on this vital matter.

Sincerely,

Daisy J. Baez  
President